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SUBJ: GATT ARTICLE 28 NEGOTIATIONS

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1. EMBASSY ECON OFFICER INQUIRED OF E.A. WOODFIELD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, TRADE POLICY DIVISION OF DEPT. OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY ABOUT GNZ ACTION ON U.S. COMPLAINT OVER CONTINUING GNZ VIOLATIONS OF ITS GATT OBLIGATIONS IN ITS TARIFF ACTIONS.

2. WOODFIELD STATED THAT GNZ IS WORKING ON REPLY TO OUR NOTE (REFTEL B) BUT THERE ARE INTERNAL COMPLICATIONS WITHIN GNZ WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GNZ HAD NOT IN THE PAST CONFORMED TO GATT PROCEDURES OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION IN ITS TARIFF ACTIONS.

HE SAID THAT FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE WAS
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UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO A LACK OF PROPER COORDINATION

WITHIN GNZ. HE SAID THIS WAS BEING TIGHTENED UP,
BUT BECAUSE OF THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE TARIFF
ACTIONS TAKE PLACE, THE DOUBTED GBNZ WOULD BE ABLE
TO GIVE MORE THAN A BRIEF ADVANCE NOTICE AND THIS
WOULD PROBABLY NOT ALLOW TIME FOR PRIOR CONSULTATION.
HE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS DOES NOT CONFORM TO GATT
PROCEDURE AND THIS WAS UNFORTUNATE BUT HE OBSERVED
THAT THE U.S. HAD ALSO TAKEN DIFFERENT ACTIONS IN
THE TRADE FIELD AFFECTING GREATLY TRADE WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES WITHOUT ANY PRIOR NOTICE AND WE SHOULD
RECOGNIZE THAT SOMETIMES THIS SITUATION CAN'T BE
AVOIDED.

3. COMMENT: THE ABOVE STATEMENTS BY WOODFIELD PRORABLY
INDICATE THE TENOR, IF NOT THE CONTENT, OF THE
EVENTUAL GNZ REPLY. THERE IS A CLEAR INDICATION THAT
CONCERN WITH PROTECTION OF SECTORS OF THE DOMESTIC
ECONOMY TAKES PRIORITY, IF THERE IS A CONFLICT, OVER
INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.
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